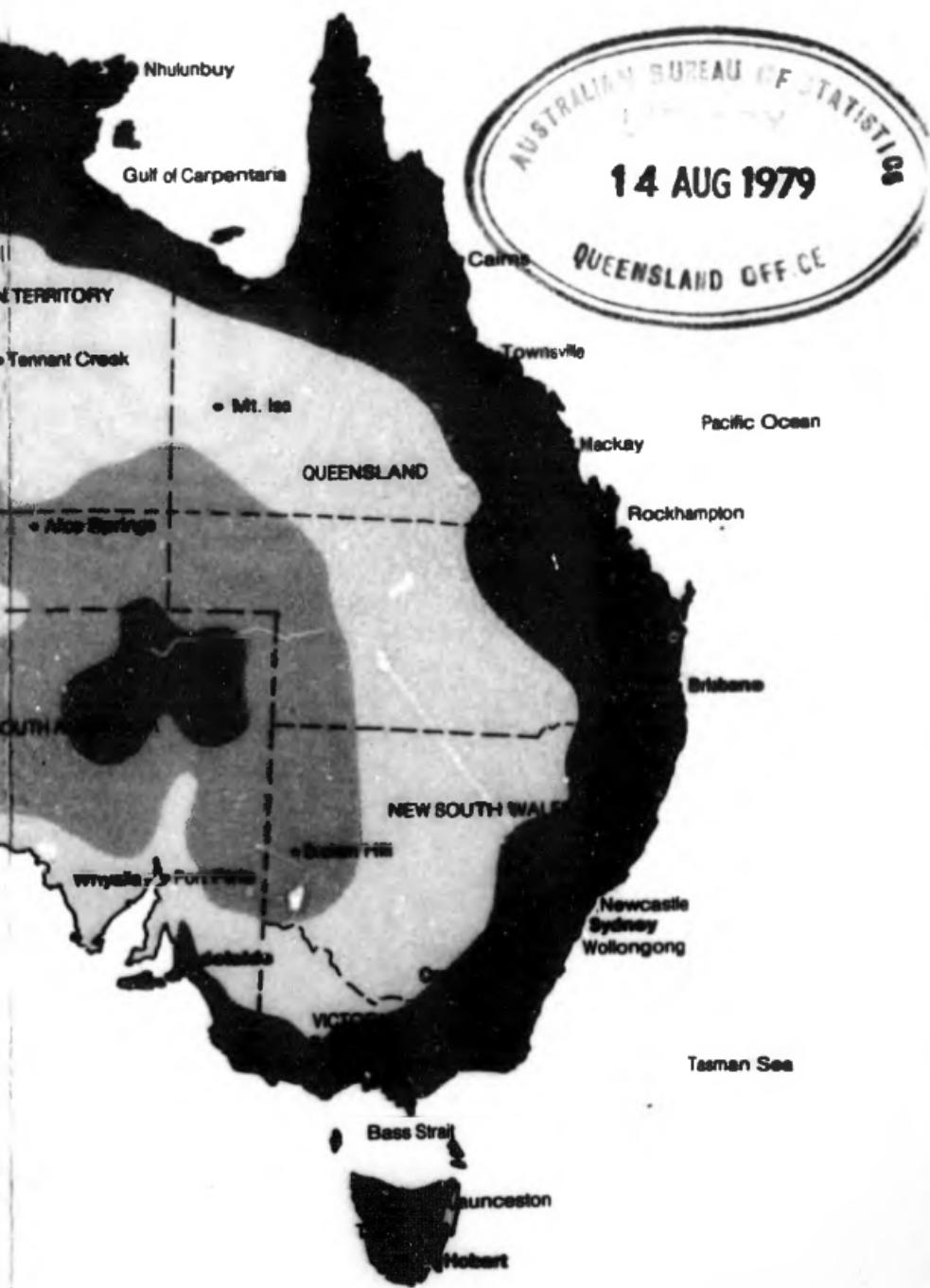


Australia at a glance

1979



Demography and manpower**1976-78 1976-77 1977-78****Population and vital statistics**

Population at 30 June	'000	13 916	14 074	14 249
" aged less than 15	%	27.1	26.6	26.1
" 15-64	"	64.0	64.4	64.7
" " 65 and over	"	8.9	9.0	9.2
Births	'000	231	227	226
Deaths	"	111	111	108
Marriages	"	104	112	102

Overseas movements

Net permanent and long term movement	'000	+21	+43	+56
Visitors arriving short term	"	530	540	581
Residents departing short term	"	951	966	1 005

Labour Force

Civilian labour force, May:	males	'000	4 029	4 076	4 073
	females	"	2 230	2 301	2 321
Unemployed persons, May: total	"	"	276	354	395
Registered job vacancies, June	"	"	19	19	17
Trade union membership, December	"	"	2 802	2 794	2 775
Industrial disputes, work days lost	"	"	3 005	3 143	1 912

Wages, weekly earnings and hours

Wage rates index, adult males	1954 = 100	428	484	528
Earnings (per employed male unit)	\$	169.60	190.70	209.50
Hours (incl. overtime), full-time non- managerial adult males, May	No.	41.2	41.1	41.0

Finance**Government Finances**

Current receipts (all governments)	\$m	22 838	26 782	29 256
Income tax, persons	"	9 213	11 047	12 122
Other federal government taxes	"	7 745	8 699	9 379
State and local government taxes	"	4 384	5 050	5 477
Total outlay (all governments)	"	27 560	31 749	35 550
Final consumption expenditure	"	11 367	13 273	15 019
Transfers to persons	"	6 451	7 799	8 748
Expenditure on new fixed assets	"	6 599	7 011	7 704

Private finance

Trading bank deposits, June balances	\$m	16 955	19 089	19 746
Savings bank deposits, June balances	"	14 823	16 365	18 046
Housing loans approved to individuals	"	"	"	"
Trading banks	"	n.a.	812	871
Savings banks	"	2 177	2 105	2 245
Permanent building societies	"	1 651	1 580	1 730
Other significant lenders	"	n.a.	1 067	1 066
Finance companies, loan balances, June	"	11 173	13 842	15 616
New money raised: listed companies	"	"	"	"
Shares	"	332	471	350
Debentures, secured notes, etc.	"	1 094	1 210	1 119
Life insurance: value of new policies	"	16 088	18 447	20 782

Production and retail sales

1975-76 1976-77 1977-78

Agriculture

Gross value of agriculture	\$m	6 174	6 773	6 999
Crops	"	3 248	3 203	2 997
Livestock slaughtering, etc.	"	1 246	1 685	2 033
Livestock products	"	1 680	1 885	1 969
Wheat production	'000 tonnes	11 982	11 800	9 370
Wool	"	754	703	677
Meat	"	2 602	2 722	2 897

Mining

Value added (a)	\$m	3 050	3 548	3 852
Production: Copper concentrate	"	159	182	151
Iron ore	"	675	747	769
Lead concentrate	"	117	178	208
Zinc concentrate	"	133	133	120
Black coal	"	1 211	1 438	1 577
Oil and gas	"	488	535	671

Manufacturing

Value added (a)	\$m	16 921	19 238	20 381
Metal products, machinery, etc.	"	5 289	5 966	6 201
Food, beverages, tobacco	"	3 074	3 501	3 760
Transport equipment	"	1 795	2 133	2 069
Output: Steel ingots	'000 tonnes	7 832	7 558	7 532
Cement	"	5 100	5 083	5 021
Tobacco and cigarettes	"	30	28	30
Beer	mlitres	1 916	1 955	1 983
Finished motor vehicles	'000	427	443	364
Electricity	m kWh	76 597	82 522	85 981

Retail Sales (excluding motor vehicles,

parts, petrol, etc)	\$m	19 045	21 434	23 556
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Price indexes

Consumer (6 capital cities)	1966-67=100	193	220	241
Export	1959-60=100	187	206	213
Building materials: House	1966-67=100	208.1	232.9	252.0
Other	"	206.2	230.3	249.7
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1968-69=100	158.6	182.2	198.6
Articles produced	"	177.8	196.9	213.8

National accounts

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$m	72 164	83 216	90 681
Gross farm product	"	3 796	4 278	4 141
GDP at 1974-75 prices	"	62 894	65 187	66 053
Gross farm product at 1974-75 prices	"	4 019	4 054	3 782
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	16 923	19 131	20 866
Gross fixed capital exp.—private	"	10 247	12 019	13 053
Household income	"	61 362	70 990	78 459
Personal consumption expenditure	"	42 408	48 388	54 224

Overseas transactions			1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Overseas Trade					
Total exports, f.o.b.		\$m	9 640	11 652	12 270
Total imports, (b)		"	8 240	10 411	11 167
Percentage of total exports to Japan	%		33.1	34.0	31.8
	E.E.C.	"	14.8	16.4	14.0
Percentage of total imports from E.E.C.	"		27.0	24.8	25.2
	U.S.A.	"	20.1	20.8	20.8
Major export commodities, f.o.b.					
Wool (greasy)	\$m		842	1 277	993
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	"		634	839	1 069
Wheat	"		921	863	1 011
Machinery and transport equipment	"		496	483	549
Iron ore and concentrates	"		771	902	921
Coal, coke and briquettes	"		1 063	1 283	1 482
Sugar	"		570	637	537
Major import commodities, (b)					
Machinery (non-electrical)	"		1 339	1 706	1 869
Road motor vehicles	"		864	1 089	1 036
Petroleum and petroleum products	"		807	996	1 157

Balance of payments					
		\$m	-1 107	-1 989	-2 424
Balance on current account			1 484	1 054	896
Balance of trade (B.O.P. basis)		"	-2 591	-3 043	-3 320
Net invisibles		"	87	1 499	1 882
Net apparent capital inflow		"	-128	153	1 518
Government capital		"	693	1 593	929
Private capital		"	-25	24	-17
Non-official monetary sector		"	-1 020	-491	-542

Transport					
Motor vehicles on register, June	'000		6 581	6 818	7 115
Cars and station wagons, June	"		5 073	5 243	5 462
New motor vehicles registered	"		644	632	602
Civil aviation (passenger km)					
Regular internal services	mil.		7 281	7 330	7 993
Overseas services (Australian airlines)	"		10 542	11 319	12 030
Railways (Government) -					
Freight tonnes carried	'000		104 355	109 943	114 860
Passenger journeys	"		337 693	331 568	322 651

Building					
New houses (number completed)	'000		99.9	110.4	100.1
New other dwellings (number completed)	"		32.1	34.4	28.8
Value of new dwellings completed	\$m		2 809	3 635	3 596
Value of other dwellings completed	"		2 267	2 447	2 604

(a) Turnover, plus increase (or less decrease) in the value of stocks less purchases, transfers in and selected expenses.

(b) Import figures from 1976-77 are not comparable with previous years because of a change in the basis of valuation.

Notes: Figures relate to 1 July-30 June unless otherwise indicated.

n.a. indicates not available.

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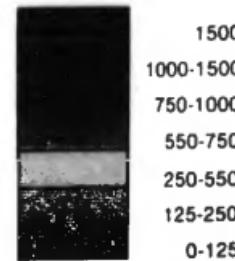
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SCALE (kilometres)		
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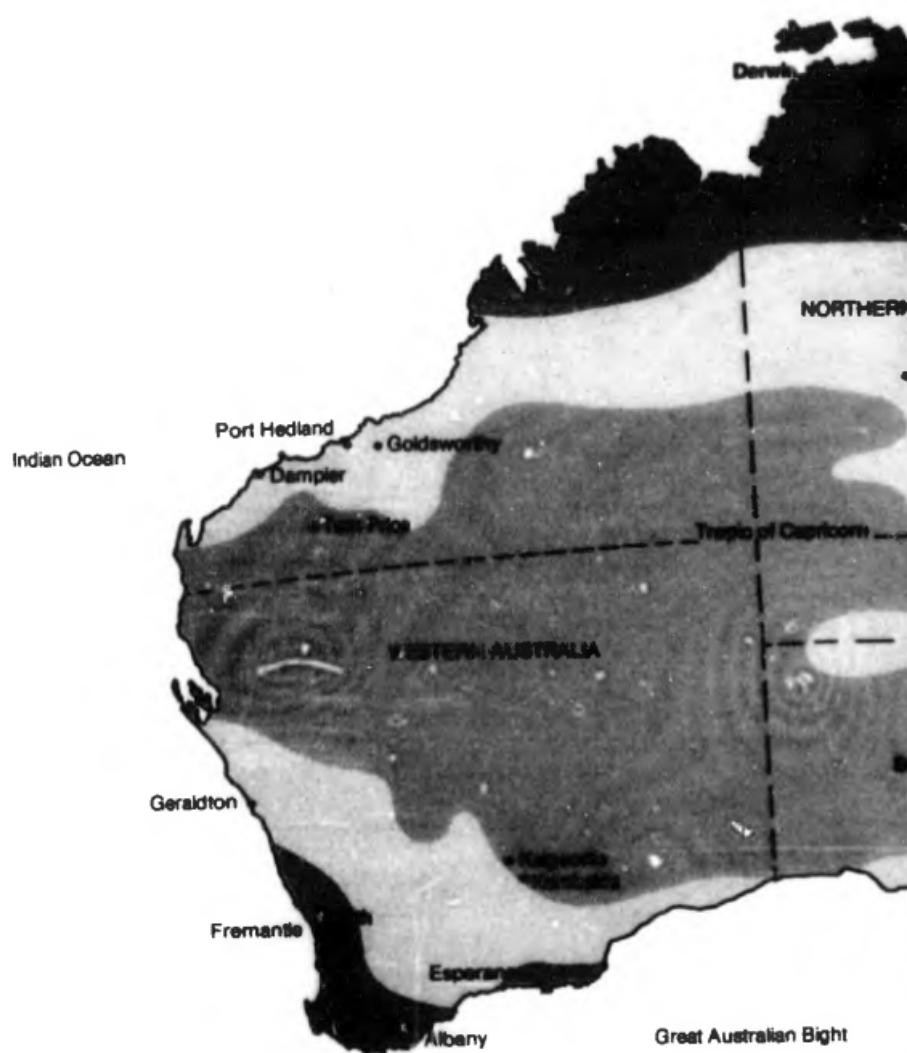
DISTANCE (kilometres)	
Sydney-Perth	3,400
Adelaide-Darwin	2700
Darwin-Singapore	3400
Sydney-Tokyo	7,900
Sydney-San Francisco	12,100
Sydney-London	17,100

AREA ('000 sq kilometres)	
Australia	7,682
Europe (excl. USSR)	4,920
USA (excl. Alaska)	7,850
United Kingdom	230

ANNUAL RAINFALL mm (median)



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